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TAGS: SOPN, UR, US (CRAWFORD FRANCIS JAY)

SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO CORRESPONDENTS BY FRANCIS JAY

CRAWFORD

THERE FOLLOWS TEST OF STATEMENT CRAWFORD PLANS TO READ

TO U.S. CORRESPONDENTS JUNE 28 AT 1730 HOURS LOCAL TIME

AT I-H MOSCOW OFFICE:

QUOTE: I AM MOST HAPPY TO BE RELEASED, AND ESPECIALLY  
WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL  
IN MY RELEASE.

I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK AMBASSADOR TOON AND THE EMBASSY  
STAFF, MOST PARTICULARLY MR. CLIFF GROSS WHO VISITED ME  
REGULARLY AND WAS MY ONLY CONTACT AND HELP TO KEEP UP  
MY MORALE.

I AM MOST HAPPY THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE MAINTAINED  
THEIR CONFIDENCE IN ME, AND ALSO FOR THE MANY EFFORTS  
THAT MY COMPANY HAS MADE IN MY BEHALF.

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ALLEGED

CURRENCY VIOLATIONS MADE AGAINST ME. I HAVE DENIED ALL

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OF THESE ALLEGATIONS, AND FIRMLY STATE THAT I AM INNOCENT  
OF THESE CHARGES. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY IT WAS  
NECESSARY FOR ME TO BE CONFINED IN PRISON, HOWEVER, I  
WAS TREATED SATISFACTORILY DURING THIS PERIOD.

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, I HAVE CONDUCTED MYSELF IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOVIET LAW, AND HAVE ALWAYS TRIED

TO IMPROVE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I AM SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT I WANT MOST NOW IS TO RESUME MY JOB AND TO RETURN TO A NORMAL LIFE.

SINCE I AM RELEASED IN THE CUSTODY OF AMBASSADOR TOON AND AM STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION, I HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENTS AT THIS TIME, END QUOTE. TOON

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